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The signal honor of having won the first blue ribbon at the New York Poultry Show, held recently at Madison Square Garden, and, in addition, of being the first Californian exhibitor to win such an award, goes to D. Goddard, of the Goddard Hatchery at 17601 South Normandie avenue. Below is pictured Goddard with his prize-winning Australorp cockerel.

Trial Tomorrow For T. Michalak

Accused of Erratic Driving; Three Jap Girls Hurt

Charged with reckless driving and driving on the wrong side of the road, Tony Michalak, of Harbor City, will have a court trial here tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 2 o'clock. Michalak was accused of erratic driving following an accident on the night of June 18 in which three Japanese High school girls were injured.

The three victims, Mary Hashimoto, Haruko Tawa and Fuzuka Watanabe, assert that Michalak struck the car they were riding in while driving on the wrong side of the road. The girls were returning to their homes following the graduation exercises at the High school. The accident occurred on Arlington avenue, one block south of Santa Fe.

LUCKY ACCIDENT

REDDING.—Crippled all his life, John Pastornio, 30, recently had his leg and foot smashed in an automobile accident. When he recovered, the deformity had vanished entirely.

LEFT HIS "GOOSE"

MARYSVILLE.—First seizure of property to cover unpaid personal property taxes occurred here the other day when police seized a tailor's electric iron to pay a 65-cent tax.

BROTHER PASSES AWAY Mrs. L. C. Miller of 1317 Beech avenue, received a telegram Sunday notifying her of the death of her brother, F. C. Freese, of Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Freese had been seriously ill for several months.

FREMONT CO., COLORADO All former residents of Canon City, Florence and other localities in Fremont county, Colorado, are cordially invited to attend an all-day picnic reunion to be held at Bixby Park, Long Beach, August 2.

CAUGHT IN RIP TIDE BUT REFUSES AID OF LIFE GUARDS Mrs. Hazen Corwin, 709 Sartori avenue, was one of the many persons caught in rip tides at Long Beach Saturday. Mrs. Corwin refused aid from the lifeguards who came in a boat to rescue nine persons who were struggling in the treacherous current, and swam ashore, while another member of her party, who had become exhausted, was pulled on board by the guards and taken to the pier.

Annexation Drive Opens in Lomita

(Continued From Page 1-A) movement. The notice was signed by P. H. Rowland, John Holm, Miss Birda E. Paddock, D. F. Naulty and E. M. Mosher.

NO ACTION TAKEN AT ANNEXATION MEETING

LOMITA.—About 60 people attended the meeting in the Y. F. W. hall Tuesday night to discuss the question of the advisability of seeking annexation to Torrance. T. J. Tonkin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided, and Frank Baker acted as secretary.

He stressed the fact that as a taxpayer in both Lomita and Torrance, his county taxes were higher than his Torrance taxes; that the lack of building restrictions and zoning in Lomita kept capital out, people wanting to build good homes where they had protection against a shake or unsightly buildings being erected next door.

Business Acumen Proves Valuable To New President

(Continued From Page 1-A) Southern Pacific locomotives preceded the internal combustion engine on the Pacific Coast, and he at once launched into a combination of oil and real estate business.

He made money—plenty of it—owned much property in the Kern County city—and then the oil boom broke. Spurlin lost everything and to earn a livelihood took a job in a sugar beet plant making 20 cents an hour. But this meager job was not productive and there was no future in it for young Spurlin. He came to Los Angeles.

"On New Year's Day, 1902, I had hit \$3.75." He smiled as he said this. "I went to an employment agency and landed a job as caretaker for a millionaire who was living in South Pasadena. It cost me \$3 to move, what little household stuff I had to my new home where I was to get rent free and \$35 a month.

"I found out I could make some side-money by renting some houses to a backyard crew near where I worked. In two months I had saved \$125. Then I decided to come back to Los Angeles. My employer wanted me to stay—offered me more wages—but I didn't want to be a caretaker all my life."

Built 800 Houses

With his \$100, Spurlin borrowed \$100 more and built a house. That house was the first of 800 he has built and sold in the past 15 years. He owns 50 houses in Torrance. He invested most of his savings in Julian stock. That was a total loss to him and sent him back almost to the days of the sugar beet refinery. But Spurlin had credit.

"A man with \$10,000 and good credit," he said yesterday, "has a bigger opportunity for advancement than a man with \$100,000 and bad or no credit. I have always tried to keep my credit rating good as I am a firm believer in the powers of honest credit."

Vigorous Civic Worker

The new chamber president came to Torrance in October, 1917, engaging at once in the real estate business. His standing as a citizen of the community is unequalled as he has always been vigorously progressive in his ideas and assistance to Torrance. His most recent civic betterment work has been the active endorsement of the present campaign to induce summer vacationists to come to this city from their homes in the various hot belts in California, Arizona and Nevada.

That Spurlin will reveal a policy of great importance to the city at large when the directors of the chamber meet Wednesday, July 15, at Earl's cafe for a dinner meeting, was indicated this week. He has a number of ideas which should be of benefit to the city, and will try to work them out with the assistance of an executive committee which he will name with that of other committees at this meeting.

DEP. DIST. ATTORNEY IS OUSTED OVER CRANK CASE

Because Deputy District Attorney R. H. Patton accepted a plea of manslaughter from Earl G. Martin and Harry Hurwitz, convicted slayers of Paul Crank, 29-year-old Lomita youth, on April 22, District Attorney Buron Fitts dismissed Patton from office yesterday. Martin and Hurwitz, alleged gangsters, were sentenced to terms of one to 10 years, each at San Quentin Tuesday. Fitts asserts Patton accepted the minor charge without consulting his superiors and also that he communicated with an Orange county district attorney to arrange that charges against the two men would not be filed.

Lomita would get what it was entitled to, and I know there are fair-minded, broad-minded men in Torrance who would give Lomita what it asked for." Alex MacPhail, living on Regent street, in "no man's land," asked for information, how annexation would affect that district. The answer was that that territory would be included in the district to be annexed.

Satisfied As Things Are

Fred Simons and Mrs. W. B. Barnett spoke against annexation, saying they were satisfied with things as they were. As the meeting progressed and it was evident that it would be only prolonged discussion, a number left the hall. A standing vote for and against the proposed annexation was called for, a number not voting. The vote stood 26 against and 13 for. The result of the meeting will be, no doubt, that the Chamber of Commerce will take no action one way or the other on annexation.

Read Our Want-Ads

FATHER PASSES AWAY W. C. Silence, of 2870 Maplewood place, received word last week of the death of his father, S. F. Silence, at Maplewood, Mo., on his 75th birthday. Mr. Silence Sr. had visited here last Christmas and was known to a number of Torrance people. His son is employed at the Coast Irrigation Company's plant here. Mr. Silence's death was due to heart prostration.

ATTEND MEETING

A party of Torrance residents attended the joint meeting of the Hermosa Realty Board and Chamber of Commerce last week. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Montague and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sargelhouse, of Anaheim.

REPORTS PURSE THEFT

Mrs. D. P. Cook, 1803 Arlington avenue, told police Friday night that her purse had been purloined from a counter in a local grocery store that afternoon. The purse, described as black leather with the initial C on one side, contained some small change and valuables, including a wrist watch, she reported.

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